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Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Notice for the Public Review of the Draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Chesapeake Bay

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## General Comment

It is unfair that the TMDL focuses primarily on agriculture in New York, and does nothing to consider impacts of Marcellus Shale gas drilling on those numbers. I would encourage the EPA to reconsider the impacts that gas drilling will have on soil disturbance in the entire water shed and re-evaluate the model used to calculate those impacts. New York farmers have worked hard and should not be unfairly punished. Farmers in other states, as well as other industries in all states, must do their share to limit and control run off. If not all are held to equal standards, then sacrificing a major farming region (the Southern tier of New York) - which contributes significantly to the food-shed of the Northeast - for the benefit of cleaning up the bay, will result in unintended consequences and additional economic hardship for an area already in distress.